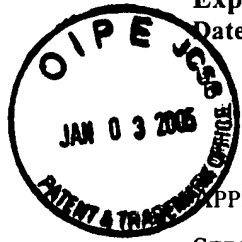


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The following papers are enclosed herewith for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Amendment and Response to Requirement for Restriction (9 pgs.);
2. Petition for One Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check (#19855) in the amount of \$60.00 to cover Petition fee; and
4. Return Postcard.

Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Ref. No. 25840-501). If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

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Respectfully submitted,

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